

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for August 23, 2011

Attendance: Jay Bollwinkel, Peter Steele, Ian Wright, Wendy Demann, Mary Ann Kirk (staff).
Excused: David Adams, Susan Wright

1. Minutes for July 18, 2011 were approved as written. Wendy Demann was welcomed as the newest board member. We still need one more person to replace Jay who has been appointed to another board. Several suggestions were given and board members are going to contact a few friends who have history backgrounds. Jay asked if the people who attended last month responded to their homes being placed on the register. Mary Ann said they didn't have to respond. Unless someone objected, all of the homes were put on the register. A letter with resource information was mailed to all the homeowners. Jay thought maybe the home owner on 5900 South might be someone who could serve on the board.
2. The museum will open a new exhibit as part of National Museum Day on September 24 from 10 am to 2 pm. The water exhibit will be installed in the next few weeks. It focuses on how water access has evolved in Murray. Mary Ann will prepare a flyer and Wendy will pass it out at scout round table. Jay suggested it should also include information about attending the museum for merit badges.
3. The current CLG grant related to the Townsend building is just about completed. We will soon be starting the new grant projects which will include a final RLS survey of all locations in Murray that have not been surveyed, preparing a national registry multiple property listing update to include buildings up to 1970, and putting our registry on the website. The county has tax photos on line with the historic photo. Mary Ann is going to try to copy the photos into our system. We need to take a current photo and gather historic background on some of the homes. Jay thought the website project was very important. An updated national registry multiple property listing will allow us to add the district south of 5300 South just east of Hillcrest Jr High. Mary Ann suggested we also need to add individual homes outside of the downtown district that represent the best architectural examples about the development of Murray. The Bradford and Miller homes are two good examples. The small Wahlquist cottage west on 5900 S South near the large mansion and the 1930s cottage home east on 5900 South are other possibilities.
4. The Cottonwood Street study is almost complete. It is a transportation study to improve connections to the new city civic center. The preferred route is a couplet that features one way streets along Box Elder and Hanauer. A final public meeting will be held in September. The report was distributed to board members. The MOA wording for negative historic impact includes our recommendations for documentation of proposed demolitions and a general history of the development of the neighborhood with an overview of architectural styles and important community members who lived in the area. The area doesn't really meet the standards of a historic district but still has significant history to Murray's early development. Peter explained the MOA process and the

recommended \$6500 for historic mitigation. This money was leftover from the study and will allow us to do this now instead of 5-10 years later. Several agencies must sign this agreement.

5. Election of officers were delayed until next month when we hopefully will have a final person appointed to the board. Mary Ann explained the chair provides advice to staff and sometimes represents the board in front of the Mayor or City Council.
6. Future projects for the coming year will focus on the CLG projects and celebrations of museum day in September and Vintage Days in May. We have done tours of Center, Wasatch, Atwood, and Vine. We could highlight 4800 South (if construction is completed) or the home on 5900 South that was put on the registry last month. It had some interesting history. Wendy thought we should do another Heritage Days. She thought it needs to be repeated. This year the focus was on the concert. She felt if we focused on the demonstrations, the event could grow. Mary Ann said we used to host a Vintage Day event around the Cahoon Mansion with storytelling, a trolley tour, and various events. It was attended largely by scout groups. Ian asked if schools could offer extra credit if the students attended the event. Wendy wondered if we could involve schools. Mary Ann said it is easy to connect with the schools. But if you do it in the school day, then you don't involve the public as much. We have tried to get the teachers willing to host history fairs which could involve this topic, but they haven't been interested even when we offered to pay them a stipend for an evening exhibit. Mary Ann wondered if we could connect with the art fest. Wendy didn't think this fit. Another idea would be to have a booth on July 4th or create an activity for July 24th. Ian suggested researching and highlighting some of the colorful characters from Murray such as Bill Hickman instead of just pioneer stories. Everyone agreed this could be very interesting. Jay suggested it needs to be connected to another event for better attendance. The board will discuss this again.

Peter suggested we could research the transition of the city from a industrial city to a commercial/bedroom community. Wendy liked the idea of highlighting other decades. Mary Ann said this was done a little in the publication "Between the Cottonwoods". Other potential projects include oral histories and documenting the transportation history. When we add a new national registry district, we could spotlight that area with a tour.